

Meth Madness

What Every Healthcare Worker Should Know About Methamphetamine Labs

Satellite Conference

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Since the mid-1990s, methamphetamine (meth) has become particularly popular among young adults and teenagers seeking cheaper alternatives to cocaine, heroin and marijuana. Meth costs \$5 to \$15 a dose. Methamphetamine is one of the fastest growing illegal drugs. The ease with which meth can be manufactured is a major contributing factor to the increase in its use. Manufacturing is simple because it does not require special equipment or advanced training. It is easily “cooked” up by anyone in a portable makeshift lab, which can be easily hidden. It can be made into a pill, a liquid that can be injected, a powder that can be snorted or a clumpy or rock-like crystal whose fumes can be inhaled. It is a mix of chemicals found in household products and fertilizers, and in over-the-counter medicines.

This program is especially important for those healthcare providers who may encounter meth labs. Because safety is of primary concern, healthcare workers must recognize the signs of meth labs, what to do when a meth lab is encountered and the proper legal procedures for reporting meth labs.

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Objectives:

1. Identify two ways to know that a meth lab has been or is present in a given situation.
2. List the preferred course of action when you suspect you have encountered a meth lab.
3. List two common items that can be used to “cook” meth that one might view in large quantities in a “meth” house.
4. List one legal issue for employees when a meth lab is encountered.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Nurses, Social Workers and Home Health Aides and Home Attendants

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn **Cost:** No cost

CEU's: Nurses and Social Workers (pending)

Satellite Coordinates: C & Ku Band

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program

Questions: alphtn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618

Issues or questions you want addressed during the conference?

Email (alphtn@adph.state.al.us) or fax (334-206-5640) the conference faculty. They will respond during the program.

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